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<b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>A method and apparatus for supporting on-demand connectivity for network applications is disclosed. Specifically, the present invention discloses a method and apparatus for remotely triggering a connection from a first device to a network. Additionally, a method and apparatus for coordinating application connections is also disclosed. The method comprises the steps of establishing application connections on-demand and managing the application connections.</p>			